

[Mr. Clement Flynn]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER L. A. Rollins F. W. Kaul ADDRESS Hastings, Neb.

DATE Nov. 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Mr. Clement Flynn
2. Date and time of interview Oct. Nov. 1938
3. Place of interview Home and Office
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Has never married and no relatives. Rents apartment.

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER L. A. Rollins F. W. Kaul ADDRESS Hastings, Nebr.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mr. Clement Flynn, Hastings, Nebr.

1. Ancestry Irish

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2. Place and date of birth Stone Quarry, Mich. Nov. [26?], [1862?]

3. Family six brothers and one half brother and one sister. They are all now dead except perhaps the sister.

4. Place lived in, with dates

Stony Quarry, Mich. until 1877, then came to Harvard, Neb. Homesteaded and [?] up at Yuma, Col. Traveled since Neb. Colo Selling patent medicine

5. Education, with dates

Went to school until [13?] yrs old. Finishing what was then called rural graduation.

6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates

Farmer, Salesman, Violin player—oldtime fiddler.

7. Special skills and interests

Good salesman

8. Community and religious activities

Member and attends Catholic church

9. Description of informant

6 feet tall. Beard, Walks very erect and always carried umbrella

10. Other points gained in interview

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Is recovering from severe illness and plans the rest of his days in just taking it easy. Is interesting talker, especially when talking about the many thousands of bottles of patent herb medicine he has sold.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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“ THE GREAT REMEDY

My name is Clement Flynn. I was born in Stone Quarry, Michigan. My parents came from Ireland. My father was superindendent of the stone quarry there. I had six brothers and one half brother and one sister. They are all dead now except perhaps my sister, who lives in California, when I last heard from her.

I was born Nov. 23, 1862. I went to school at Stone Quarry, until I was 13 yrs old. I got to the 5th grade. In February, 1877, my brother and I came to Harvard, Nebraska. We operated a store there two years. Then we went to Yuma, Colorado, and filed on land. I filed on a homestead and timber claim. I lost the timber claim but still own the homestead and my brother's which I bought later from him. The land brings me a little money in each year. It is located 4 miles south and 1/2 miles of Yuma.

At Yuma, Colo., I got a receipt for a medicine which I have made and sold 45 years in Colorado and Nebraska. The receipt is 105 years old now, I call it the Great Remedy. It contains Garden Sage, Lobelia, Gum of Myrl and Peppermint. A chemist at Topeka, Kansas, analysed it. He said it was as good as any medicine in the world. It cures anything. Pains, Colds, Coughs, Pneumonia, Rhumethism, Arthritis, Burns, etc. When you

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don't feel well just take a teaspoonsful twice a day and it will do the work. One lady over 80 yrs old here in Hastings claims that this medicine restored her sight. It does miracles. This is the label on the bottle: ' THE GREAT REMEDY

C. Flynn, Yuma, Colorado

Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 2437.

Contains no Opium or Morphine and less than 12% of Alcohol.

For Neuraigia and Toothache, use it warm, bathe the face and the gums until pain is gone.

For Earache use it warm, moisten a piece of cotton with the remedy, place it in the ear and pain stops.

Burns will not blister if you apply cloths instantly and keep them wet with the remedy.

For coughs, mix the remedy with an equal amount of molasses, boil it, and [#1?] take a teaspoonful every half hour. For Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Palpitation of the Heart, take inward one tablespoonful morning and night until relieved.

For Nervous and Sick Headache, bathe the head and temples with the remedy and take a teaspoon dilluted with two of water internally.

For Fevor of all kinds, bathe the head and chest and lay on cloths with remedy

[?]For Corns, Bunions, Chilibrains, Frosted Feet, rub on with hand. For Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Heart Burn, take a tablespoon night and morning for several days.

For Ulcerated Eyes, with four parts of water use it in the eye several times daily. For Flesh Wounds, Burns, Cuts and Bruises, wash the wound with the remedy several times a day, applying bandages wet with it till well.

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For Piles, Dilute it with an equal amount of water and saturate a piece of cotton and apply to parts frequently. For [?], Hay Fever and Colds, sniff up the nostrils ever morning four times with water. For Rheumatism, bathe the parts frequently with the remedy hot and pour a tablespoonful of the remedy into a tumbler of hot water sweetened with sugar and take, repeat this dose every three hours until you are relived. ‘ _____

I never tried to make money by selling this medicine. I just wanted to make a living. I never was married. I saved [\$325.00?] from my profits. I would work a while then lay around during the winter or until I needed money again, then I would sell my medicine again. I've done for over 45 yrs. now. I earned \$15,000.00 on my farm. I had it in the bank at Yuma, Colo., the bank closed. My money is still tied up with the bank. I also own 44 lots in Denver and [15?] in Littleton, Colo. I willed everything I have to my church. I fijished doing this today. My church is the Catholic church. Farming was good in those early days. Yields big and wheat and corn a good price. Expenses were not great. I play the violin by ear. I am an old time fiddler. “

As Related by Mr. Clement Flynn, now living in #2 Hastings, Nebraska.,